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AMENDMENT

Dear Sir:

Further to the July 3, 2002 telephone interviews amongst Examiner Afremova, Examiner Marks, Michael Teschner and the undersigned, this Amendment is filed in full response to the April 5, 2002 office action.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel claim 28.

CLEAN COPY OF AMENDED CLAIMS:

- 11. A method of producing a tablet including live bacteria comprising the steps:
- a) mixing at least one strain of said live bacteria with at least one fructose oligosaccharide to form a mixture,
- b) pressing said mixture into a tablet employing a force sufficient to form said tablet having a friability of between 0.1 and 1.0 while maintaining at least about 60% viability of said bacteria following the compression.

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